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**Date:** Monday, March 29, 2021 2:21:04 PM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 29th March 2021 14:21

**Your Full Name:**

James Fox

**Email Address:**

[coachjimfox@cox.net](mailto:coachjimfox@cox.net)

**Your Comment/Input:**

Thank you for your work on redistricting. I thought the Commissioners might be interested in a Guide on Redistricting That is now available for citizens and members of redistricting commissions, as well as legislators and judges. The Guide highlights a new transparent, straightforward procedure for building maps that contain compact districts and are fair. The approach can be applied by hand. <https://preprints.apsanet.org/engage/apsa/article-details/60132387f0e57e892a97e039> This work has garnered almost 700 views on the Preprints Page of the American Political Science Association. As more people become aware of procedures like this, more will ask that such approaches be used to draw fair legislative district maps. Who draws the maps is important, but what kind of maps they draw is even more important. I hope the Commissioners find this work helpful. Jim Fox

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th May 2021 14:18

**Your Full Name:**

Jan McCorkle

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**Your Comment/Input:**

Starting to hear about montanans interested in running for the new fed house seat. I would like to see the State in North / South districts so each Rep would be considering input from both conservative and liberal viewpoints from east and west sides of the state.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 18th May 2021 14:26

**Your Full Name:**

Travis Mosley

**Email Address:**

mosleyt101@gmail.com

**Your Comment/Input:**

I am writing to state that I think Missoula, Polson, Helena, Butte, Bozeman, and Livingston should be in the same congressional district because these small Western cities have a shared culture and set of interests. I am a resident in Bozeman (zip code: 59717) Thank you, Travis

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 1st May 2021 14:19

**Your Full Name:**  
Elizabeth Newsom

**Email Address:**  
[wijim.7@juno.com](mailto:wijim.7@juno.com)

**Your Comment/Input:**

I was disappointed (albeit not surprised) to learn that the Supreme Court appointed Maylinn Smith as Presiding Officer of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission, a selection process which occurred behind closed doors without any public involvement. So much for taxpayer input and transparency. It is not lost on me that Ms. Smith has a long history supporting the Democratic party, and recent mapping of districts seem to favor her political ideology. That said, I am extremely concerned about fair and unpartisan redistricting of legislative boundaries. As do all Montana taxpayers, I expect the Commission to create Congressional Districts that would ensure accurate, nonpartisan representation for the people of Montana. To that end, I would urge the Commission to redistrict the boundaries North to South for East/West representation. Thank you for your time concerning this important matter.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 29th April 2021 13:09

**Your Full Name:**

Shawn

**Email Address:**

fowlerprecision@gmail.com

**Your Comment/Input:**

It is very important to avoid the mistakes that places like California make. DO NOT tie urban areas to rural areas when redistricting. That disenfranchises people in the rural areas which have a very different culture than some of the urban areas. Major cities should be their own voting districts. Thanks for considering my comment.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 25th March 2021 11:35

**Your Full Name:**

Jonathan Sheets

**Email Address:**

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**Your Comment/Input:**

Move district lines to account for cultures and communities in Cut Bank, MT. I live on the west side of Mountain View Blvd in Cut Bank MT. The east side of the street is under HD9 and SD18, which are representatives that align with the cultural and community values of the general Cut Bank area. However, my representational districts of HD8 and SD16 are controlled by the vast majority of their population that live in and around Browning, MT on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. The representatives for my district have refused to take one phone call, return a voice message, or return an email because I obviously am not politically aligned with the vast majority of their constituents. It makes no sense for my representation to not come from my community and for me to not have representation of my community's values in the state legislature. Please consider redistricting along true community/cultural lines.

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**From:** [Alice Tully](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission  
**Date:** Saturday, May 15, 2021 12:44:09 PM

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Dear Commissioners:

As you deliberate the decision about redistricting Montana for the second Congressional seat, I hope careful consideration will be given to an East – West division as was done in prior years when we had the two Congressional seats.

I feel representation is more evenly divided by a line drawn from north to south creating two approximately equal size districts. Montana is very unique taking into consideration the types of land that we see to the East versus what is in the West along with a very diverse population.

The north to south boundary line worked well in the past and I believe it can continue to work as well today giving us all an equal voice in Congress.

I wish you success in your deliberations.

Sincerely,  
Alice Tully  
Missoula, MT

**From:** [webmaster@localhost.legmt.gov](mailto:webmaster@localhost.legmt.gov)  
**To:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, December 23, 2020 11:51:36 AM

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# Submit Information to the Redistricting Commission

**Date:** 23rd December 2020 11:51

**Your Full Name:**

Clayton Vine

**Email Address:**

[cvine@rooseveltcountry.org](mailto:cvine@rooseveltcountry.org)

**Subject Line:**

Redistricting Boundary Description

**Your Comment:**

When your Commission meets and creates the new Redistricting Boundaries best practice is to use the Public Lands Survey System (PLSS) to describe the new Boundary along with Property Boundaries lines. In the past the Redistricting Boundary has been described in Metes and Bounds descriptions that meandered all over the place. Make it look nice. Thanks,  
Roosevelt County Geographical Information Systems Administrator.

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